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1. a. Tanks and SP guns stationed in the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne, Glauchau (N 51/K 35), held daily exercises at Voigtlande, about 4 km south of Glauchau, between 20 March and 3 April 1950. Both types of armored vehicles had the same chassis with six bogie wheels, three track-supporting rollers, one drive wheel and one idler wheel per side. They mounted a different main armament, however. The gun barrel of the tanks was about 3 meters long while that of the SP guns was about 2 meters long.

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c. A Soviet sergeant major talking to a German girl was overheard to say that the troops at the post would soon go to the Ohrdruf (N 51/J 15) troop training grounds.

2. Stolberg (N 51/K 64) was vacated by Soviet troops in February 1950, according to local residents.

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Comment:

- a. Troops in Glauchau

(1) The 220th Hvy Tank Sp Bgt of the High Gds Army has so far been assumed stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne (also called Hammer Kaserne), Glauchau. The unit in the mentioned Friedrich August Kaserne is not known. Although referred to barracks other than the Hindenburg Kaserne, a Friedrich August Kaserne has never been mentioned in any previous report. It may be a section of the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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the 57th Gds Ltz Rifle Div, it seems unlikely that a component unit of that division should be permanently stationed in Glauchau. There is a possibility that perhaps radio vehicles of the division might have participated, for training reasons, in a field exercise of the 220th Hvy Tank S. Rest in the Glauchau area.

(3) The 220th Hvy Tank S. Regt also held its 1949 maneuvers at Ohrdruf. It is therefore assumed that, together with the other Eighth Gds Army units which started leaving for the troop training grounds of Ohrdruf and Kassel in mid-April 1950, the regiment may have left Glauchau at that time.

b. Evacuation of Stolberg

A 200-man unit, probably of the 132d/VD, had been temporarily stationed in Stolberg during the winter of 1949/1950. [redacted] the unit to have left Stolberg for an unidentified destination in mid-February 1950. [redacted] This information was confirmed by the reported statements of Stolberg residents.

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